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FATIGUE AND FRACTURE - OVERVIEW

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We are pleased to report that all of the planned contractual and grant research programs in the fatigue and fracture discipline of the HOST Project are now in place. Many are producing important new results. These results and detailed aspects of the individual efforts will be conveyed by the responsible technical principal investigators in Session IVa scheduled for the last afternoon of this workshop. At this point I would like to give a brief overview of the status of the fatigue and fracture programs.

The programs involve the development of appropriate analytic material behavioral models for cyclic stress-strain-temperature-time/cyclic crack initiation, and cyclic crack propagation. It was convenient to divide the research efforts into two camps, depending upon the nominally isotropic or anisotropic mechanical response of the materials. Five industrial contracts with three different research organizations, three university grants, and two in-house programs round out the overall effort.

Figures 1 to 6 provide a block flow diagram of the activities within the various programs. I will address these figures one by one, but the reader is encouraged to study the individual contributions for more specific details.

I do want to emphasize the underlying thrust of these programs: the development and verification of WORKABLE engineering methods for the calculation, in advance of service, of the local cyclic stress-strain response at the critical life governing location in hot section components, and the resultant cyclic crack initiation and crack growth lifetimes.

FATIGUE & FRACTURE ... IT'S ROLE IN HOST

GOAL: DEVELOP AND VERIFY ANALYTIC ENGINEERING MODELS THAT CAN BE USED ON A ROUTINE DESIGN BASIS FOR THE PREDICTION OF CYCLIC STRESS-STRAIN-TEMPERATURE-TIME RESPONSE (I.E., CONSTITUTIVE RESPONSE) AND FATIGUE CRACK INITIATION AND PROPAGATION LIFETIMES OF TURBINE ENGINE HOT SECTION COMPONENTS MADE OF ISOTROPIC OR ANISOTROPIC ALLOYS

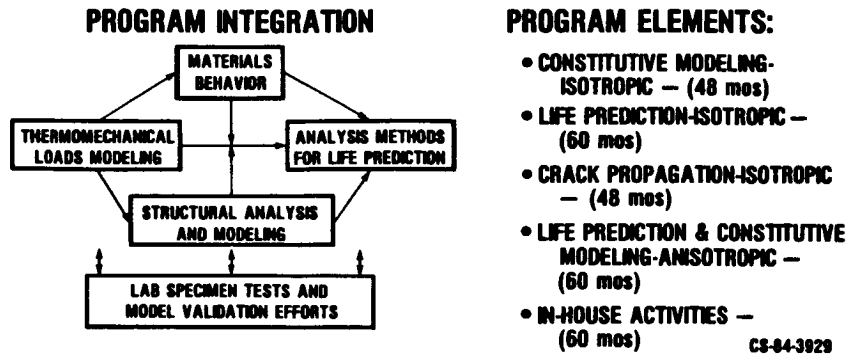


Figure 1

CONSTITUTIVE MODELING—ISOTROPIC MATERIAL

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH, LINDHOLM; AND GENERAL ELECTRIC, LAFLEN

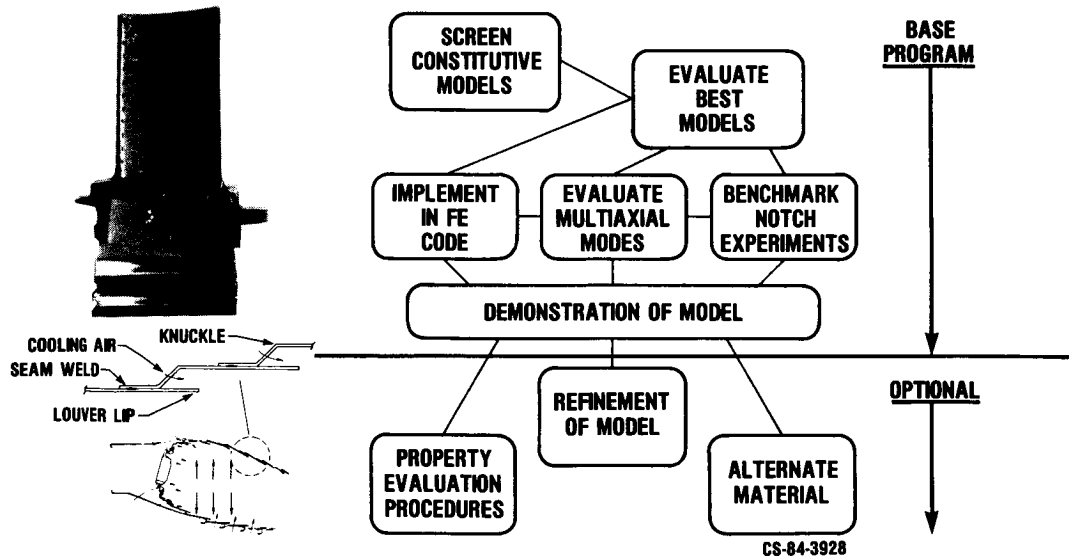


Figure 2

LIFE PREDICTION - ISOTROPIC MATERIAL

PRATT AND WHITNEY, MORENO

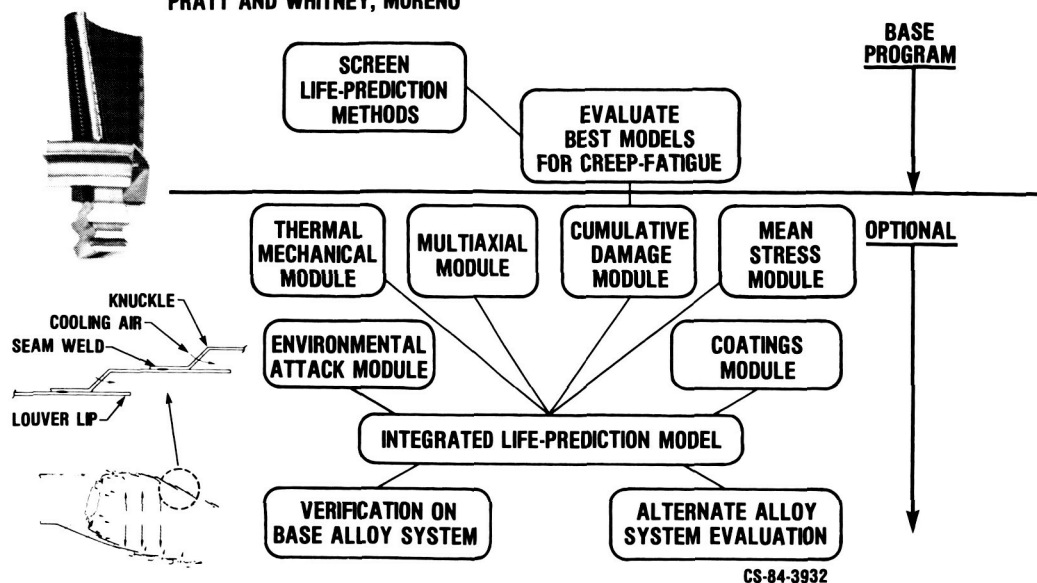


Figure 3

CRACK PROPAGATION—ISOTROPIC MATERIAL

GENERAL ELECTRIC, LAFLIN; AND SYRACUSE, LIU

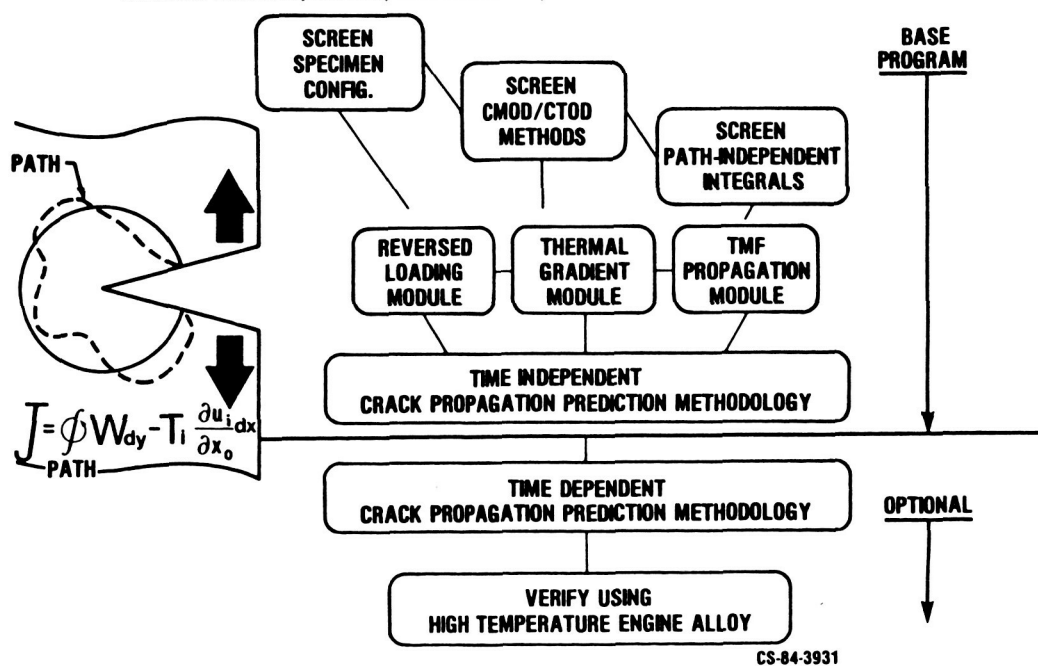


Figure 4

LIFE PREDICTION & CONSTITUTIVE MODELING -ANISOTROPIC MATERIAL

PRATT AND WHITNEY, SWANSON

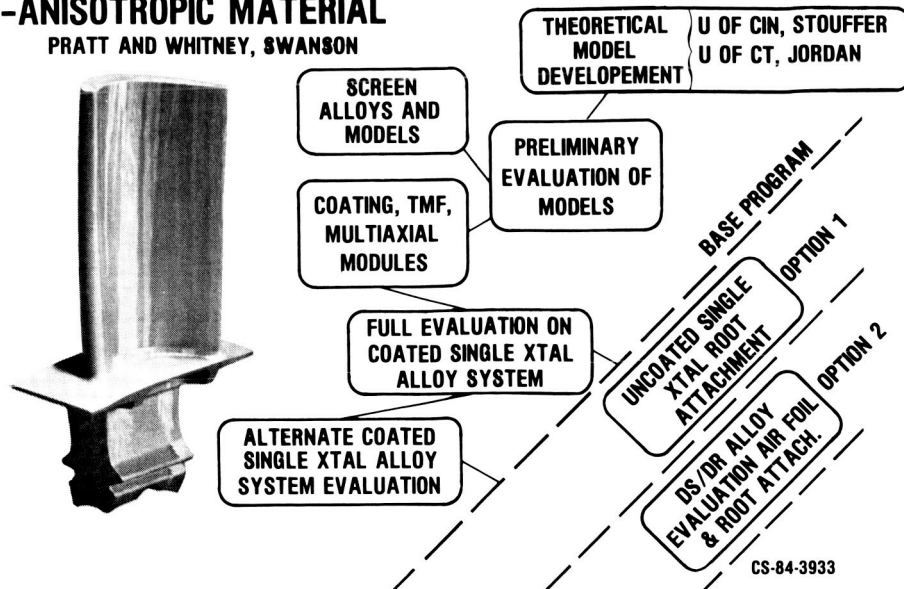


Figure 5

IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

UPGRADE FATIGUE LABORATORY

- HOST/SATELLITE COMPUTER SYSTEM
- EXPANDED HYDRAULIC SYSTEM
- EXPANDED TEST CELL AREA
- CENTRALIZED CONTROL ROOM
- TENSION/TORSION BIAXIAL FATIGUE MACHINES
- HCF/LCF MACHINES FOR CUMULATIVE DAMAGE
- TMF MACHINE

SINGLE CRYSTAL/COATING THERMAL MECHANICAL FATIGUE PROGRAM

- PWA 1480 BARE AND COATED
- STAND ALONE COATING
- TROIKA EFFORT
- FUNDAMENTAL APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING OF CYCLIC FLOW AND CRACKING BEHAVIOR OF COMPLEX ALLOY/COATING SYSTEM

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Figure 6